



Parent Information Leaflet

What to do if you have concerns about the Children's Disability Network Team your child has been assigned to:

The National Policy on Access to Services for Children and Young People with Disability and Developmental Delay (HSE 2019) identifies that children should be assigned a Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT), based on their home address. Local policy also allows that children attending the following Special National Schools will have their team assigned by the CDNT area the school is located within: St. Michael's House Special National Schools Ballymun, Baldoyle, Foxfield and Raheny; CRC Special National School Clontarf, the Development Education Centre and St. Vincent's Special National School.

There are specific grounds where parents can appeal their child's assignment of CDNT, these are:

- Where the parental preference is to be supported by home address rather than by the school, where children attend one of the schools listed above.
- Where siblings are receiving support from a different CDNT
- Where there is a need, due to the serious illness of a main carer

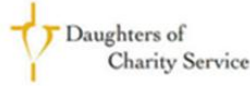
At the time of reconfiguration (June 2021), consideration will also be given to a child due to commence in special school within a specific Lead Agency within the coming year (Confirmed school place for 2021-2022 school year) or a young person is currently in receipt of disability services and is in his/her final school year, as determined by the Department of Education and Skills. These will be reviewed on a case by case basis. There may be other extenuating circumstances, which will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The following are not considered grounds for appeal:

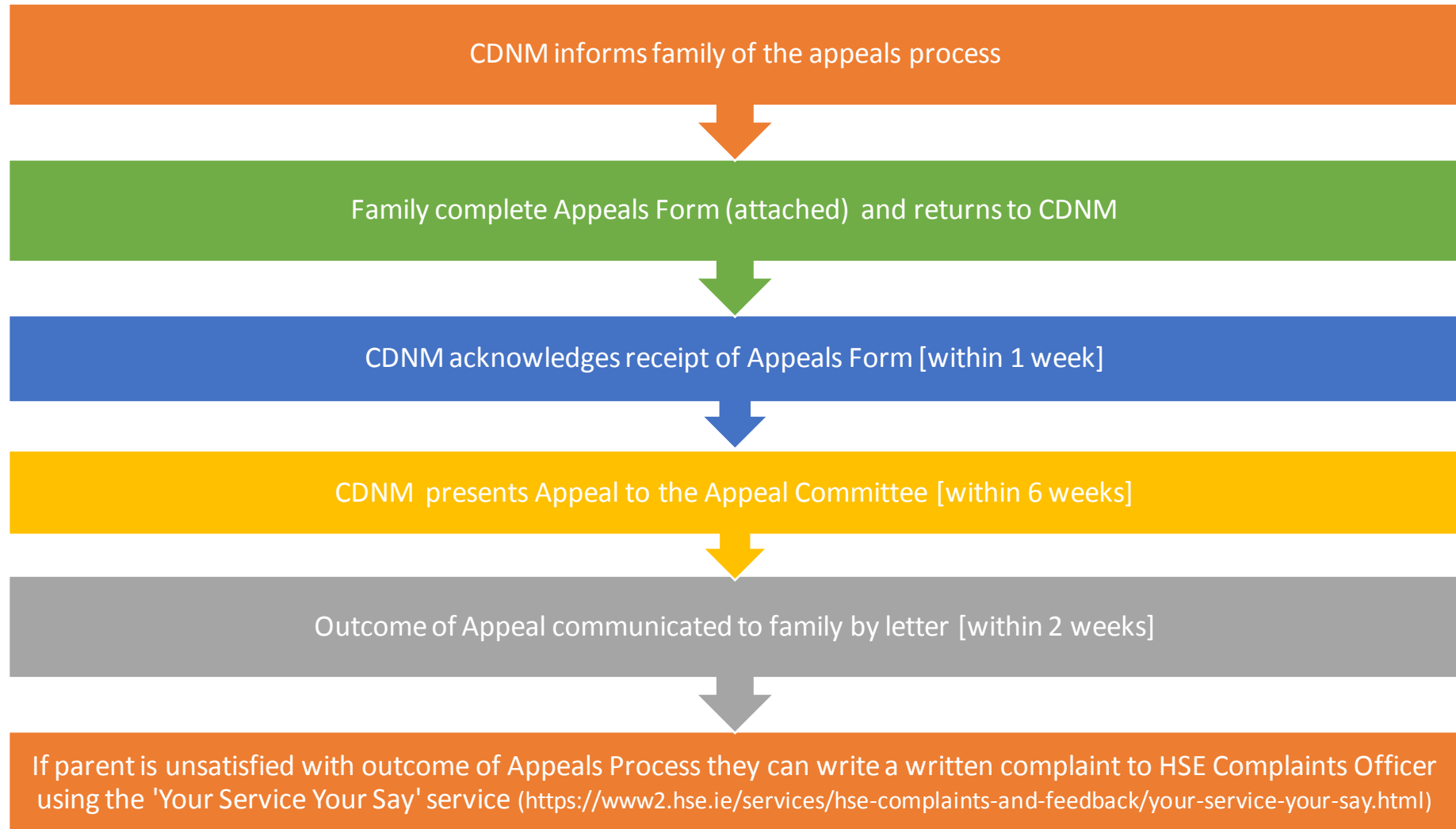
- Child attending specialist services within one of the Lead Agencies
- Parental preference to see a particular clinician or professional
- Access to services such as psychiatry, home teaching or preschool support workers
- Shorter waiting lists at another children's disability network team

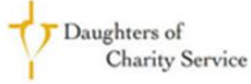
If you have concerns regarding the network you are assigned to, please contact the Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) of the network to which your child is assigned to discuss your concerns. The process is described below:





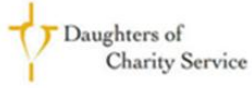
Should you continue to be concerned regarding the allocation of your child's CDNT there is an appeals process. This is how the appeals process works:





**Dublin North City and County
Children's Disability Network Teams
Appeal Form**

Child's Name:	
Child's Date of Birth:	
Child's Address:	
Parent/Guardian 1 Name:	
Parent/Guardian 1 Address: <i>(if different from child's)</i>	
Parent/Guardian 1 Contact Telephone Number:	
Parent/Guardian 2 Name:	
Parent/Guardian 2 Address: <i>(if different from child's)</i>	
Parent/Guardian 2 Contact Telephone Number:	
Details of school that the child is attending:	
Year in school:	
Special Resources Allocated:	
Team to which your child has been allocated:	
Team you wish your child to attend:	
Please give details of the specific grounds (reasons) why you feel your child cannot access the Children's Disability Network Team they were allocated. This is currently based on your home address:	



Please attach additional sheets of paper if required.

Support documents where applicable:	
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Signed: <i>(Parent/Guardian)</i>	Date:
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[Both Parents/Legal Guardians must sign this Appeal Form]